

IN THE CLAIMS:

Line By Line Amendment:

AK 3. (Amended) A slurry comprising from about 50 to about 80% by weight of substantially spherical [, micron-sized and/or submicron sized] alkali metal bicarbonate particles, said particles having a median particle size of from about 0.2 to about 50.0 μm and a surface area of from about 120 to about 140 cm^3/g , dispersed in a liquid medium, wherein the slurry has a loose bulk density of about 1.40 to about 1.60 grams per mL and a Zeta potential of about 2 to about 11mV.

AN 6. (Amended) The slurry of claim 5, wherein the slurry comprises from about [50% to about 80%] 60 to about 75% by weight of alkali metal bicarbonate and from about 20% to about [50%] 40% by weight of liquid medium, based upon 100% total weight of the slurry.

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3. A slurry comprising from about 50 to about 80% by weight of substantially spherical alkali metal bicarbonate particles, said particles having a median particle size of from about 0.2 to about 50.0 μm and a surface area of from about 120 to about 140 cm^3/g , dispersed in a liquid medium, wherein the slurry has a loose bulk density of about 1.40 to about 1.60 grams per mL and a Zeta potential of about 2 to about 11mV.

6. The slurry of claim 5, wherein the slurry comprises from about 60% to about 75% by weight of alkali metal bicarbonate and from about 20% to about 40% by weight of liquid medium, based upon 100% total weight of the slurry.